

SAC Meeting Minutes  
For  
Gateway Charter High School

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
Members Present: Sara Abraham (principal), Kim Brady, Angela Higginbotham, Amber Jensen, Lisa Legiec, Janneth Vargas, Landy Voltaire  
GCIS Members: Lisa Legiec, Stacey Burns

**Welcomed Guests:** Cameron Yearsley

Topics Discussed, Tasks Assigned and Decisions Made:

Meeting opened at 3:36 p.m. Members were introduced and where they represent. All members signed in and meeting agenda were distributed.

**Agenda Items:**

The minutes from the last SAC meeting dated November 6, 2013 were reviewed by the members of the committee and approved.

\*Mrs. Abraham mentioned the new alarm system that was installed in the back doors of the building for the protection of the staff and students. There was also a key pad installed for the front of the building which will be utilized to ensure that authorized personnel be permitted into the building. The elementary school building has already begun using the keypad for the front door of their building.

\* Mrs. Jensen mentioned Benchmark 2. The students were tested in November and we are pleased to announce that all grade levels have made great gains! The school grade was also mentioned by Mrs. Jensen. Gateway Charter Intermediate and High have received a "B". The grade will be scrutinized by the administration to see strengths and weaknesses. The high school missed an "A" by 6 points.

\* Mrs. Abraham mentioned the enrollment session that took place last night (January 14) which went very well. There will be another enrollment session taking place on January 27, 2014 @ 6 p.m. We will be having our honor roll ceremonies beginning next week (6<sup>th</sup> grade will be the first group).

Mrs. Abraham also mentioned the beginning of our EOC/FCAT boot camp which will take place on Saturdays March 8 & 29 and April 5 & 12. Afterschool tutoring will begin next week for Algebra. As a result of tutoring, we are pleased to announce that last year we had a success rate of 17% and for the fall we had a success rate of 43% who passed the FCAT.

Middle school will also begin EOC/ FCAT tutoring for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**\*In guidance** News, Ms. Higginbotham spoke about the enrollment visits that will be taking place at Bonita Springs Middle and Six Mile Charter for upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Ms. Higginbotham mentioned the yearbook sells that will start at \$45 for pre-sale and increase to \$60 when the yearbooks come. There are still 25 spots left for GRAD BASH \$150; it will increase to \$175. The deadline for acceptance letters has come. We have many students who have already received acceptance letters.

Schools such as USF -1 FSU -3, FIU-3, UNF-1, UWF-1, FGCU-3, FAU-2, JU-1, Stetson-2, and Rose Hulman-1. ASVAB scores have also come in. Gateway Charter High graduation at Barbara B. Mann May 16, 2014.

**\*Ms. Higginbotham** also spoke about scholarships, volunteer hours, and online course requirements. Students must fulfill one class credit of an online course before graduation. These courses will also be offered during the summer. The students will use PLATO to begin online classes. Mrs. Vargas already uses the system with her Spanish I and II students. Students are

being encouraged to apply for scholarships through f.community.com for scholarships. Students will find out about scholarship awards from bight futures closer to the ending of the school year. Tutoring will begin Tuesday January 21, 2014. The tutoring days and subjects were mentioned: MTW-Algebra, M-Writing, T/TR-Geometry, W- Reading and Biology.

\*Mrs. Abraham addressed the Marketing strategies to help the school. Mrs. Legeic and Mrs. Brady gave advice on Cambridge. They suggested that a synopsis of what Cambridge is and how it helps students with college should be mentioned on the school website. Also there should be more pictures of student life for potential students to see.

\***Athletic Dept for Middle and High School:** Mr. Yearsley discussed our winter sports successes in Soccer, basketball and wrestling. Our girls Soccer team won their game. The boys and girls basketball teams play Idle Baker. In Wrestling, the boys will play Golden Gate Friday, Jan.17 and Saturday, Jan.18. In Tennis, the students put together an Arts & Craft Book fair to raise money for the season.

\* Mr. Yearsley also mentioned that there will be a National Signing taking place on February 14, 2014. There will also be a college football fair in February. There were a few successes with the football players; Rakwon Hardy was football defensive player of the year. There were 2 offensive winners and 3 defensive winners for Gateway Charter High.

\* **Mrs. Jensen** discussed the students' plasco track system. This is our new tracking system for tardies and dress codes. The students wear the ID badges and are scanned for tardies and dress code violations. The IDs have become part of our student uniform. A ticket is automatically printed to recognize the violation.

The middle school students went on a trip to Disney World in Orlando this morning November 7, 2013. The students are conducting physics lesson fro the rides in the theme park.

**Mrs. Vargas** mentioned AP Boot Camp for the AP Spanish students. She is preparing them for the AP exam coming up at the end of the year. Mrs. Vargas had a 100% success rate last school year with students passing the AP Spanish exam.

All business had been discussed and meeting was adjourned @ 4:25 p.m.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: Room 137